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**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**MONROE.**

From the Republican.

Miss Susie Smith went to Fremont Wednesday to visit and will visit at Peru before returning home.

Among the Columbus visitors Wednesday were J. M. Head, Vestal Moore, Ed Jenkinson and Chas. Istead.

Mrs. Tom Hill who has been to Arcadia visiting her sister for the past few days returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Gipe and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Siega were Columbus visitors Wednesday returning in the evening.

Mrs. Ruth Kenyon went to Omaha Sunday returning Thursday. Mrs. Vestal Moore carried the mail during her visit there.

Wm. Webster and family left the first of the week for a visit at Bennett and Lincoln. Mr. Webster will return this week, but Mrs. Webster and children expect to remain.

The Monroe schools closed for the summer vacation last Friday and the teachers entertained the pupils in the grove near the school at a picnic dinner a week ago Friday.

Word received from Eddie Kelley says that he is getting along nicely, and that the operation for appendicitis was successful. He does not expect to return home for several weeks yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaus of Illinois and a cousin of Mrs. Vestal Moore of Omaha were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Wednesday and Thursday, they went to Columbus accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Moore to visit a few days.

While working with a young mule Tuesday of this week J. B. Fellers received injuries that will confine him to his bed for sometime, and may permanently cripple him. He had his hip broken and other bruises, and at present is suffering considerably from the injuries.

Prof. John Eganman a graduate of Kearney Normal school, was employed as principal of the Monroe schools by the board of education at their meeting last Friday evening. The new professor brings some splendid recommendations, and he was selected over several other applicants and the board and patrons believe they have a good man for the position.

Fred Tessenford, one of the early pioneers of the Shell Creek valley, passed away Wednesday noon, at his home. He had reached his eighty-first birthday, and had been ailing for sometime. Mr. Tessenford was respected by all who knew him, and besides his wife leaves two sons, Gus and Albert, who reside on this route, and one son and one daughter in Idaho. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The commencement exercises of the Monroe high school on last Friday evening at the opera house were highly appreciated by all present. The program as previously announced was well rendered. Prof. Foster of the State University gave an eloquent plea in behalf of the public schools of Nebraska and glowing terms presented the advantages of education. The musical numbers were all good. At the close of Prof. Foster's address the president of the board of education with a few well chosen remarks presented to each of the nine graduates their well earned diplomas, followed by benediction by Mr. Talbot.

Tuesday of this week was the day for the hearing by the county board regarding the proposed bridge. As the Monroe Commercial club and others pushing the project did not have the required data, a postponement was asked and the board gave them another date for the hearing—June 13. Last week a representative of the Standard Bridge company was here and measured the river, and this week the state engineer, who was requested to look over the ground, prepare data, was here and took the necessary measurements, and it is understood that his report is now ready. When the committee and citizens of Orono and Loup townships have their hearing next month they will be prepared to furnish all the desired information.

**CENTRAL CITY.**

From the Nonpareil.

Lee Coolidge will manage the store J. E. Erskine recently purchased of Guy W. Gardner. Mr. Coolidge has been working in the store for some time and is familiar with the business.

The natty uniforms which the Central City band purchased during the leadership of Professor Paul a year or so ago were sold last week to the band at Hampton, Iowa, which Mr. Paul is now conducting. There being no organization here now it was thought best to sell the uniforms while they were in good condition. The proceeds will be used to pay up some old debts.

While fishing in the Platte about seven miles west of town yesterday afternoon Jack McMahon, son of John McMahon, came upon the body of a man. The corpse was lodged under some bushes near the bank and from its location had evidently been in the one position for some time. From its position it could not be seen from the bank and it was only by chance that Mr. McMahon discovered it. The body was badly decomposed. Coroner Frank Kombrink was immediately notified and he went out and got the corpse, bringing it to his undertaking rooms where it is lying as we go to press. The body is in such a condition that it is impossible to distinguish the features of the face or make much of an examination. The top part of the head, however, is intact and a large bullet hole that enters at the right temple and emerges at a point under the left ear indicates that the man has either been the victim of foul play or has committed suicide. There is no doubt on the part of those who have examined the body that the wound was made by a bullet and it was evidently the work of a large calibre revolver. The man's clothes are those of a laborer. He wore a fairly good suit and had on a pair of new Sunflower shoes, No. 6 1/2 in size. He was five feet, seven inches tall and was apparently about forty years of age. The only articles found on his person were a knife and pocket comb.

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**FICTITIOUS HEROINE APPEARS IN THE FLESH**

Novelist Kramer, the Chautauqua Lecturer, Tells of Receiving Interesting Letters.

"What do you find to be the most universal idea with people who discuss your books with you?" was asked of Harold Morton Kramer, author of "The Chrysalis," "The Castle of Dawn," "Hearts and the Cross," etc. "Of course the question does not mean as to the opinions they express regarding your novels."

"I think I understand you," replied the novelist, "and I feel perfectly safe in saying at once that the most universal idea they express is that they have themes for great novels, and they are willing to suggest them to me. They generally express it about like this: 'Well, sir, I can relate to you some interesting idea that undoubtedly would make a great book if they were put together just right.' Then I am given some little story, probably of undoubted interest in its way, but lacking much of the elements for a novel. They always conclude by saying: 'Of course, you could work in a love story with it, and a few things like that, but that would be easy, and lots of people would remember and recognize these incidents. It ought to be a great book. If you care to use it, I'll give you all of the pointers some day.'"

"But I have had some embarrassing questions put to me. For instance, only recently I was asked to make a statement for a prominent literary club of ladies as to whether I wrote for fame or money, or mean as my primary object. That question may look queer, but consider how you would answer it satisfactorily to a club. Another friend asked me if I ever received any especially interesting letters. I told her I did, and she wanted to know from whom."

"Well, I think the most interesting letters come from my publishers," I said.

"Is that so? And would you mind telling me some of the most interesting things they say?" she asked.

"The most interesting words they ever write me are these: 'Enclosed find check in payment of royalty.' I read, and she turned up her nose and became chilly at once."

"But, really, I think the most interesting letter I ever received was after the publication of a short story in Mun-

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No. 1	6:05 a.m.	No. 14	5:30 a.m.
No. 9	11:20 a.m.	No. 6	2:38 p.m.
No. 17	2:55 p.m.	No. 10	2:15 p.m.
No. 15	6:25 p.m.	No. 18	8:05 p.m.
No. 3	6:50 p.m.	No. 16	5:27 p.m.
No. 5	6:55 p.m.	No. 2	7:52 a.m.
No. 21	8:45 p.m.	No. 22	7:52 p.m.
No. 19	11:25 a.m.	No. 29	1:00 p.m.
No. 25	7:50 a.m.	No. 28	5:00 p.m.

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No. 71	max. d. 2:20 a.m.	No. 70	max. d. 6:00 a.m.
No. 29	max. d. 7:00 p.m.	No. 31	max. d. 1:30 p.m.
No. 30	max. d. 1:10 p.m.	No. 32	max. d. 12:30 p.m.
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**Punning His Specialty.**

"So you have made up your mind to be a specialist—in what line?" was the question put to a struggling doctor by a friend.

"I don't know," was the answer. "I have been considering various advantages in different branches. A chiropractor can generally get a foothold, no matter how bad business is; a manicurist has usually something on hand, and an ear and eye specialist can often get a hearing when there is anything in sight. I haven't dwelt on the possibilities of throat or dental or hair experts because the two former always look down in the mouth and the latter may get but a bald living or be expected to dye for his patients?"

**An Easy Cure.**

A correspondent for a local paper writes that his sister sent him four fun lines which are guaranteed to cure any case of stoniness in the family. The lines are to be repeated three times heartily in the face of any domestic difficulty. Here they are:

The dog is in the pantry;

The cat is in the larder;

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sey's magazine. It was a story of the west and concerned the heroism of a girl whose name, chosen at random, appeared in the story as 'Alice Gilbert.' I was absent from home and had asked Mrs. Kramer to open my mail while I was gone in order that I might be communicated with immediately if necessary. When I returned I found a letter awaiting me from a young lady who signed herself 'Alice Gilbert,' and who wrote as though she were a very close friend of mine. In the letter she discussed the story in question and wrote as though the story had been woven from incidents in real life in which she and I had figured. I had spent a few years in the west, and Mrs. Kramer was wondering why I should be thus idealizing one of my old flames. It was a difficult matter to explain, although I had never heard of the lady in question, and until I received her letter did not dream that an Alice Gilbert really existed. Afterwards I learned by a little investigation that I could not resist making—and in which Mrs. Kramer joined me—that the real Alice Gilbert was a most estimable young lady, a school teacher in the Ohio city from which her letter had been written. When my next book was ready for publication I mailed her one of the publishers' announcements with the suggestion that as she had been so interested in the short story, she might be interested in the book. This brought a letter in which she begged forgiveness for her impulsive prank that prompted the first letter, and which was written in her surprise at finding the heroine's name to be the same as hers. Yes, I think, all things considered, that that was the most interesting letter I ever received as a result of my story writing.

Burton Thatcher, who will deliver a lecture-recital at Chautauqua, is one of the rising baritone singers of the age. His musical training has been received at great cost and much attention has been given to "folk songs" as well as the classics. He is a musician by temperament and instinct; added to his mentality he has a wonderful voice and an admirable physique.

After referring most flatteringly to Burton Thatcher's work in his recital of the evening before, the Salt Lake Tribune adds: "His performance throughout was very creditable, showing conscientious work, and his rendition of 'Song of Hydras' and 'King Duncan's Daughters' is deserving of special mention."

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